

Acts
Caring, Gospel-Style
Acts 18:23-19:10

We care for others: through Christ, like Christ, proclaiming Christ

[Max/Marathon; 1 John 3:16-18; 4:7-12 NLT]

I. To strengthen (8:23)

II. To equip (8:26)

III. To encourage (8:27)
• John the Baptist background

IV. To welcome (8:27)

V. To straighten (9:2-6)

VI. To proclaim (9:8)

VII. To persevere (9:9-10)

Go Forward

Know: As a Christian, you are called to care for others. Spend time pondering the following Scripture passages: Galatians 6:9-10; Hebrews 6:10. Consider your response.

Grow: Think about the ways to care for others found in the Scripture passage covered in the sermon. Where do you find your fit? Pray about where you can serve.

Show: Care for others! Let the Member Care team know what you're ready to do at fbctulsa.org/membercare/!

We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person? Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions....Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us. (1 John 3:16-18; 4:7-12 NLT)

This is the one about whom it is written, 'BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY BEFORE YOU.' Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptist! Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. (Matthew 11:10-11)